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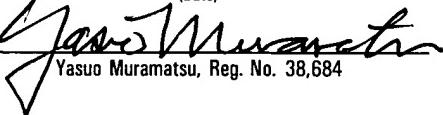
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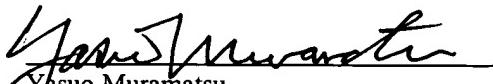
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- An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with PTO-1449 form, two references, and office action issued by European Patent Office.  
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The prior art references submitted herewith were cited in European Search Report in the counterpart European application. A

copy of Office Action issued by European Patent Office in English is attached which shows relevancy of each cited reference to the subject matter of the invention.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the references disclosed in the statement be considered in the substantive examination of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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